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Kim L. Walton et al.

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Examiner: P. D. Mulcahy

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Plant	200	100	300	150	160	80	
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Provisional	200	100	0	0	0	0	

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